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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No: 09/787,480  
Applicant: Kazuo Yokoyama, et al.  
Filed: June 11, 2001  
Title: HEAD SUPPORT MECHANISM, INFORMATION  
RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING HEAD SUPPORT MECHANISM  
TC/A.U.: 2652  
Examiner: Allen T. Cao  
Confirmation No.: 2344  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **January 28, 2004**.

The Examiner requires that claims of either Group I (claims 1-69) and Group II (claims 70-93) be elected for prosecution. Applicants elect to prosecute Group I (claims 1-69, drawn to a head support mechanism apparatus). This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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